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Applicant: Nagayuki TAKAO et al. Conf.: 2364
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For: AQUEOUS INK COMPOSITION

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Supplemental Request for Reconsideration and Declaration Under 37 CFR 1.132 in the above-identified application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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SUPPLEMENTAL REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION
AND DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.132

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Dear Sir:

In further response to the Office Action mailed July 14, 2003, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

No claims are amended.

A Declaration under 37 CFR 1.132 is submitted.

REMARKS

Claims 1-3 and 5-20 remain pending.

Declaration under 37 CFR 1.132

Applicants submit herewith a Declaration under 37 CFR 1.132 in an attempt to confirm the patentability of the claimed invention.

In the Declaration, applicants provide comparisons between drying times obtained upon practice of Example 1 of the instant invention, Example 3 of cited JP '105, and Example 3 of cited Kitamura '622.

As a result of the comparisons, it is demonstrated that the drying time obtained upon practice of the present invention (13 seconds) is significantly less than that obtained upon practice of the prior art (20 seconds to greater than 30 seconds).

It was further demonstrated that the modification of the invention of Kitamura to include benzotriazole as suggested by the Examiner did not result in reduced drying times. Instead, the drying time of the modified composition was still in excess of 30 seconds.

In summary, the cited references fail to disclose or suggest the attainment of excellent fixability (ink dryability)

utilizing specific solubility and boiling point (vapor pressure) of components in an ink composition as defined in applicants' claimed invention. Applicants' claimed invention is accordingly patentably distinct from the cited prior art.

In view of both the comparisons presented in the attached Declaration, as well as applicants' comments presented in their prior response of May 17, 2004, it is believed that all rejections are without basis and should be withdrawn.

The application is now believed to be in condition for allowance.

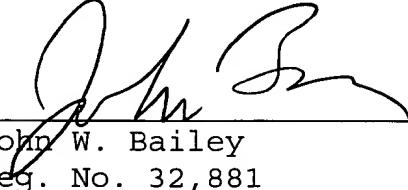
In the event that any outstanding matters remain in this application, Applicants request that the Examiner contact James W. Hellwege (Reg. No. 28,808) at (703) 205-8000 to discuss such matters.

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Very truly yours,

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Attachment: Declaration under 37 CFR 1.132